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SUBJECT: HORSEED EDITORIAL DISCUSSES SOVIET BASE ISSUE

1. EDITORIAL IN SEMI-OFFICIAL WEEKLY HORSEED ON JUNE 20
ENTITLED QTE WE DEFY IMPERIALISM UNQTE PROVIDES SOMALI
READERSHIP WITH GSDR LINE ON SOVIET BASE CHARGES. INFORMAL
TRANSLATION OF EDITORIAL IS GIVEN BELOW IN FULL.

A. QTE WHEN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY DECIDES TO BE THE MASTER
OF ITS OWN DESTINY; WHEN IT DECIDES ITS OWN FUTURE WITHOUT
EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE, IT BECOMES THE TARGET OF THE MOST HARSH
INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM WHICH EMPLOYS EVERY MEANS (EVEN
ARMED INTERVENTION AS WAS THE CASE IN THE UNSUCCESSFUL
AGGRESSION AGAINST GUINEA) IN ORDER TO IMPEDE SUCH A
DEVELOPING COUNTRY FROM FOLLOWING THE PATH OF FREE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

B. QTE WE SHOULD NOT THEREFORE BE SURPRISED BY THE FACT
THAT OUR COUNTRY FROM ITS HISTORIC REVOLUTION OF 21 OCTOBER
1969 BECAME THE TARGET OF THE MOST VIOLENT IMPERIALISTIC
PROPAGANDA. BEFORE THE TIME WHEN THE SOLAR RAYS OF SOCIALISM
SHONE ON OUR COUNTRY, THE HOSTILE CAMPAIGN OF INTERNATIONAL
IMPERIALISM AGAINST SOMALIA DID NOT EXIST. INSTEAD, IMPERIALISTS
HAILED SOMALIA AS A COUNTRY MOST FRIENDLY TO THE WESTERN
CAPITALIST WORLD. THEY PRAISED ITS "DEMOCRATIC" SYSTEM WHICH
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WAS BASED ON DECEITFUL ELECTIONS AND PRIVILEGED CLASSES. THEY

PRAISED ITS PASSIVE POLICY. THEY APPRECIATED ITS NON-ALIGNED STANCE BUT ACTUALLY IT WAS ALIGNED WITH THE WEST. THEY SUPPORTED ITS NEO-COLONIALIST POLICY BASED ON PERPETUAL EXPLOITATION OF OUR RESOURCES AND OUR MANPOWER. THEY SUPPORTED ITS REPRESSIVE ANTI-DEMOCRATIC MEASURES WHICH SUFFOCATED THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE WHO TRIED TO EXPRESS THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR A BETTER LIVING. IMPERIALISTS PRAISED ITS DOCILE POLICY AND MADE THEM ACCEPT CONDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

C. QTE THERE WAS HOWEVER A TIME WHEN INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISTIC PROPAGANDA ASSAILED SOMALIA VIOLENTLY. THIS WAS WHEN SOMALIA DECIDED (WITH A TRULY COURAGEOUS ACT UNDERTAKEN BY THE THEN PRIME MINISTER WHO LATER BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND WHO HAD FALLEN VICTIM OF SLEEPING SICKNESS, MIS-MANAGEMENT AND CORRUPTION) TO REQUEST THE SOVIET UNION TO ARM OUR NATIONAL ARMY AFTER THE WESTERN WORLD REJECTED OUR REQUEST FOR NECESSARY ARMAMENTS. SUCH ACTION PROVOKED IMMEDIATE AND HARSH INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISTIC REACTION IN MOBILIZING ALL OF ITS POWERFUL PROPAGANDISTIC MACHINERY TO CLAIM THAT IN EXCHANGE FOR A SOVIET ARMAMENT TO SOMALIA, THE SOVIET UNION ACQUIRED MILITARY BASE IN SOMALIA. VARIOUS IMPERIALISTIC INFORMATION MEDIA DISSEMINATED SUCH PROPAGANDA JUST AS IT DOES TODAY - CLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A FOREIGN MILITARY BASE IN SOMALIA. THIS WAS AN IMPERIALIST REACTIONARY ATTEMPT BECAUSE THE SOMALI-SOVIET AGREEMENT WAS DESTINED TO COUNTER IMPERIALIST PLANS IN SOMALIA. IF SUCH AN ATTEMPT WERE UNSUCCESSFUL, IT WAS DUE TO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE WHO LOVED THEIR ARMY WHICH COMPRISED THE BEST OF THEIR SONS WHOM THEY WANTED TO SEE WELL ARMED TO COUNTER-BALANCE REACTIONARY FORCES AND TO DEFEND ITS TERRITORY FROM AGGRESSION.

D. QTE THE IMPERIALISTS REPEAT TODAY THE SAME PROPAGANDA THEY ASSERTED THEN AGAINST SOMALIA, CLAIMING AGAIN THE PRESENCE OF A SOVIET MILITARY BASE IN SOMALIA. THE AIM OF THE PROPAGANDA IS DIFFERENT FROM THE PREVIOUS. THEN IMPERIALISTS WANTED THE REACTIONARY REGIME TO RENOUNCE SOVIET ARMAMENTS AND CANCEL SUCH AN AGREEMENT BUT THEY DID NOT WANT TO OVERTHROW THE REACTIONARY REGIME WHICH SERVED THEIR OWN INTERESTS. TODAY, INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM CONDUCTS THE SAME PROPAGANDA INSISTING ON THE EXISTENCE OF A SOVIET MILITARY BASE IN OUR TERRITORY WITH THE AIM OF CREATING INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CONDITIONS CONDUCTIVE TO

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THE OVERTHROW OF THE REVOLUTIONARY REGIME...THE AIM IS TO ISOLATE SOMALIA AND AT THE SAME TIME DIVIDE THE SOMALI PEOPLE WHO ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR UNITY.

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E. QTE THE IMPERIALISTS WANT THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO THINK - HOW COULD SOMALIA BE A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY WHEN IT HOSTS A FOREIGN MILITARY BASE ON ITS TERRITORY? THEY WANT THE INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO QUESTION: HOW COULD SOMALIA BE COUNTED AS ONE OF THE VANGUARDS OF AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE IF IT MAINTAINS A FOREIGN MILITARY BASE ON ITS OWN LAND? THEY WANT THE COUNTRIES IN THE ARAB LEAGUE TO THINK: HOW COULD SOMALIA BE AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY AND A MEMBER OF THE ARAB LEAGUE WHEN IT HOSTS A FOREIGN MILITARY BASE IN ITS COUNTRY? THEY WANT THE WESTERN COUNTRIES WHO WERE ALREADY SUSPICIOUS OF THE PROCESS OF SOCIALISM FOLLOWING OUR REVOLUTIONARY REGIME TO BE MORE SUSPICIOUS AND COME TO THE CONCLUSION: HOW CAN WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH SOMALIA WHEN IT HOSTS A SOVIET MILITARY BASE ON ITS OWN TERRITORY? THEY WANT THE SOMALI PEOPLE THEMSELVES TO ASK: HOW CAN WE CALL OURSELVES A SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT COUNTRY WHEN ON OUR TERRITORY THERE EXISTS A FOREIGN MILITARY BASE? THEY WANT THE PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE TO RISK - HOW CAN WE BE FRIENDS WITH SOMALIA IF ON ITS TERRITORY IT HOSTS A FOREIGN MILITARY BASE WHICH CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO PEACE?

F. QTE IT IS INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM WHICH WANTS TO CREATE PROGPAGANDA WHICH PERSISTENTLY CLAIMS THAT THERE IS A FOREIGN MILITARY BASE IN SOMALIA. THEY TRY TO CREATE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS, INTERNALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY FOR THE REVOLUTIONARY REGIME WHICH ARE INTENDED TO MAKE IT COLLAPSE...IT IS A
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AFFORT OF THE IMPERIALISTS TO TRY TO INSERT IN
SOMALIA A REACTIONARY REGIME UNDER THEIR COMMAND. IN THE
FIVE-AND-HALF YEARS OF THE REVOLUTION THE IMPERIALISTS MADE
MANY ATTEMPTS TO OVERTHROW THE REVOLUTIONARY REGIME, BUT THANKS
TO THE WATCHFUL EYE OF THE REVOLUTION AND THE PEOPLE THESE
ATTEMPTS WERE SUPRESSED TIME AND AGAIN. SOMALIA'S READINESS
TO INVITE FRIENDS AND FOES TO COME TO SOMALIA AND SEE FOR
THEMSELVES THE PLACE OR PLACES WHERE THE SO-CALLED SPY-SATELLITE
CLAIMS A SOVIET MILITARY BASE EXISTS FRUSTRATES IMPERIALIST
PROPAGANDA. IT FRUSTRATES THE FALSE IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA
AND IS A FACTOR WHICH WILL HASTEN THE COLLAPSE OF THE CASTLES
OF LIES CREATED BY IMPERIALISM. WE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE AND
WE ARE READY TO INVITE FRIENDS AND ENEMIES WHO MAY WANT TO
SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE SO-CALLED SOVIET MILITARY BASE AS
CLAIMED BY THE U.S.STATE DEPARTMENT'S SPY-SATELLITE. THIS
INVITATION BY THE SOMALIA GOVERNMENT EXTENDED TO ALL PERSONS
INTERESTED DISPROVES INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALIST'S PROPAGANDA;
IT WILL "BOOMERANG" AGAINST THEM. UNQTE.
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